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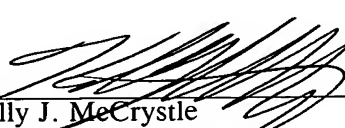
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. PATENTS

U.S. Patent No. 4,957,498 issued to Caspari, et al. on September 18, 1990
U.S. Patent No. 5,520,702 issued to Sauer, et al. on May 28, 1996
U.S. Patent No. 5,797,929 issued to Andreas, et al. on August 25, 1998

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To assist the Examiner, the listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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